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MEXICO CITY FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, CS

SUBJECT: DEA TEAM VISIT

REF: A) STATE 235820 AND

B) SAN JOSE 4253

1. SA BRUCE VAN MATRE COMPLETED HIS TDY DECEMBER 7 AND DEPARTED FOLLOWING DAY. HE WAS MOSE COOPERATIVE AND SENSITIVE TO LOCAL PROBLEMS, AND I APPRECIATE BOTH HIS HELPFULNESS AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE LOCAL SITUATION.

2. I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING WITH REGARD TO THIS TDY:

A. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, DEA MEXICO ESTABLISHED THE VAN MATRE MISSION AND HE ARRIVED HERE BEFORE WE RECEIVED REFTEL A AND WITHOUT THIS MISSION BEING PREVIOUSLY INFORMED AND OUR CONCURRENCE RECEIVED AS I GATHERED WAS THE INTENT OF REFERENCE A (PARA 4). WE WERE IN EFFECT PRESENTED WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI. (DEA MEXICO CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMED US AFTER HIS ARRIVAL HERE OF THE

FULL PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT.) WHILE I AM
DELIGHTED TO HAVE AN ASSESSMENT AND WOULD
UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE CONCURRED HAD I BEEN ASKED,
I AM DISTURBED THAT SUCH PROCEDURES CAN
OCCUR. I ASSUME THAT BUREAUCRATIC CONFUSION
WAS RESPONSIBLE, BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING
CONSULTED BEFORE ANY FUTURE OR ANY FURTHER
DEA STUDY MISSIONS ARE SET UP.

B. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, CHECKED
WITH VAN MATRE, THAT HE WILL SEND ME HIS
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. I HAVE ASKED
HIM TO GIVE ME HIS OWN CANDID VIEWS AS TO
WHERE WE OUGHT TO GO FROM HERE. I
WILL THEN OF COURSE STUDY AND COMMENT UPON
HIS RECOMMENDATIONS. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING
THAT DEA WILL ITSELF TAKE NO ACTION ON
VAN MATRE'S REPORT UNTIL THIS MISSION HAS
REVIEWED AND COMMENTED UPON IT, AND THAT
OUR VIEWS WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
BY THE DEPARTMENT AND DEA WASHINGTON.
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